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Ticketless Passengers
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken/being taken to ensure that without ticket passengers are not allowed to board the trains;

(b) whether the Railways are aware of the harassment being meted out to the passengers who are travelling without tickets and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Railway Protection Force in all the trains to ensure that the people with valid tickets travel in the trains without any inconvenience?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) With a view to preventing ticketless travel, following steps have been taken by Indian Railways:-

i. Regular and surprise checks are conducted against ticketless travel, which are intensified during peak rush periods.

ii. Vigorous drives such as Ambush Checks, Fortress Checks are conducted in association with Railway Protection Force and Magistrates under the Action Plan framed by Railway Board.

iii. Setting up of Intensive Check Posts at important stations of each division of Zonal Railways to curb ticketless travelling in unreserved segments.

iv. Effective manning of all designated/functional gates stations, with a view to curb entry of without ticket passengers in ticketed areas

v. Publicity campaigns launched through posters/notices/ /announcements at railway stations and advertisements in newspapers urging travelling Public to avoid ticketless travel and to educate them about the consequences of such travel.

vi. Withdrawal of ticket checking staff from non-ticketing job and utilizing them for ticket checking purpose for effectively checking ticketless travel.

(b) Passengers travelling without ticket may face problems when they are requested to pay fare and penalty. However, ticket checking staff are counseled from time to time to behave with all passengers courteously and politely while dealing with them.

(c) In addition to the steps mentioned in steps in Part (a) above, Railway Protection Force takes the following steps to ensure that passengers with valid ticket travel in the trains without any inconvenience:
i. Proper of queue of passenger is maintained to ensure that unauthorized passengers do not enter into coaches and occupy seats.
ii. Train escort parties are also briefed/debriefed to keep close watch on the ticketless travelers.
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